

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Milburn, on February 16, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch (LFD)

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 254, 2/12/2009; HB 402,
2/12/2009; HB 557, 2/12/2009; HB
560, 2/12/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on
HB 402, Revise laws relating to land banking.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:21 Jeannie Holmgren, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nah36a01)

00:19:54 Rusty Harper, Office of the Secretary of State

00:21:32 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:22:57 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:24:06 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

00:25:18 Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Land Trusts

00:27:16 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:26 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:30:53 Bill Orsello, MWF

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:37 Rep. Reinhart

00:33:55 Tom Schultz, DNRC

00:34:28 Rep. Reinhart

00:34:32 Ms. Hedges

00:34:53 Joe Kolman, LFD

00:35:09 Rep. Reinhart

00:35:20 Rep. McGillvray

00:35:35 Ms. Holmgren

00:35:53 Rep. McGillvray

00:36:00 Ms. Holmgren

00:36:22 Rep. Hoven

00:37:00 Ms. Holmgren

00:37:23 Rep. Hoven

00:37:25 Ms. Holmgren

00:37:52 Rep. Hoven

00:38:02 Ms. Holmgren

00:38:58 Rep. Hoven

00:39:06 Ms. Holmgren

00:39:43 Rep. Hoven

00:39:55 Ms. Holmgren
00:40:32 Rep. Hoven
00:40:35 Ms. Holmgren
00:40:43 Rep. Belcourt
00:41:18 Ms. Holmgren
00:41:48 Rep. McGillvray
00:42:06 Ms. Holmgren
00:42:55 Rep. Miller
00:43:05 Ms. Holmgren
00:43:51 Rep. Hoven
00:44:08 Ms. Holmgren
00:44:48 Rep. Hoven
00:45:09 Mr. Schultz
00:46:56 Rep. Warburton
00:47:14 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:05 Rep. French

HEARING ON HB 557

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:39 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on
HB 557, Generally revise laws related to regional water
systems.

EXHIBIT (nah36a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:00 Clint Jacobs, Dry Prairie Rural Water

EXHIBIT (nah36a03)

01:04:40 Rep. Julie French, HD 36, Scobey

01:05:13 Dan Keil, Chairman, Northcentral Montana Regional Water
Authority

01:06:53 Cary Hedreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:29 Todd Teagarten, Department of Environment Quality (DEQ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:14 Rep. Vincent

01:11:27 Rep. Belcourt

01:12:01 Rep. Dickenson

01:12:21 Rep. Belcourt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:42 Rep. Belcourt

01:13:51 Recess

01:22:04 Resume

HEARING ON HB 560

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:11 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 560, Study recycling and reuse in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:28 Mark Nelson, Lake County

[**EXHIBIT \(nah36a04\)**](#)

01:32:54 Barbara Butler, City of Billings

[**EXHIBIT \(nah36a05\)**](#)

01:35:20 Max Bauer, Allied Way Services

01:36:16 Roger Bridgeford, Montana Waste Systems

01:37:41 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Billings

01:38:17 Frank Patrick Crowley

01:40:10 Dave Duffy, General Manager, Valley View Landfill

Informational Testimony:

01:41:27 Rick Thompson, DEQ

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:42:04 Rep. Belcourt

01:42:42 Mr. Nelson

Closing by Sponsor: None

01:43:21 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON HB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:30 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on
HB 254, Monitor and report on greenhouse gas emissions.
EXHIBIT (nah36a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:30 Paul Cartwright, Governor's Office
01:59:26 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources and Defense Council
02:01:25 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center
02:03:09 Ms. Perkins
02:03:52 Kevin Olp, Montana Conservation Voters
02:04:23 Rep. Dickenson, HD 25, Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony:

02:07:08 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana
EXHIBIT (nah36a07)
02:18:34 John Alke, Attorney, Montana Dakota Utilities Resources
Group
02:23:36 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
02:30:37 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
02:31:11 Mark Raile, Montana Refining Company
02:34:38 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric Generation and
Transmission
02:37:03 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company
02:39:03 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
02:39:58 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
02:40:30 Mr. Bodner

Informational Testimony:

02:41:47 David Klemp, Air Resources Management Bureau, DEQ

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:42:04 Rep. Reinhart
02:42:28 Mr. Cartwright
02:43:31 Rep. Reinhart
02:43:33 Mr. Cartwright
02:44:32 Rep. Reinhart
02:44:36 Mr. Cartwright
02:45:21 Rep. Dickenson
02:46:17 Rep. Phillips
02:46:31 Rep. Dickenson
02:46:52 Rep. Phillips

02:47:30 Rep. Van Dyk
02:47:49 Rep. Phillips
02:48:28 Rep. Hands
02:49:07 Mr. Cartwright
02:49:55 Rep. Hands
02:50:16 Mr. Cartwright
02:51:31 Rep. Miller
02:52:00 Mr. Lambrecht

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:28 Rep. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

02:56:45 Adjournment

Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah36aad.pdf](#))